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To Interested Persons:

Subject: Feasibility Studies

The BRN is pleased to announce its intent to resume acceptance of Feasibility Studies (FS) for new pre-licensure nursing programs. Effective April 1, 2013, the Board will accept Feasibility Studies from schools with a *Letter of Intent* on file at the BRN.

The Board anticipates receiving a large number of Feasibility Studies once the moratorium is lifted. Feasibility Studies will be reviewed in the order that they are received at the BRN. There are two exceptions to this: Revised Feasibility Studies submitted by schools that were in the review process when the moratorium was instituted in June 2011; and, FS submitted from schools during the moratorium that were returned without being reviewed. Feasibility Studies in these two groups will be given priority.

In view of the length of the moratorium and when the FS was prepared, some schools may need to revise their FS to reflect pertinent changes at the school and/or in the proposed RN program, as well as time sensitive information. For example, intended student start date, five year budget and student enrollment projections, etc. should be updated. The signature and date on BRN "Facility Verification Form" (EDP-I-01 Rev 3/10) must be January 2012 or later.

Please submit an electronic version and two hard copies of your school's FS to the BRN Sacramento office. Upon receipt of the FS at the BRN, a Nursing Education Consultant (NEC) will be assigned to conduct the initial review of the FS. This process usually takes three to four weeks. Upon completion of this review, the NEC will notify the school of the outcome of the review: either a letter indicating the FS meets the BRN requirements or a deficiency letter will be sent. In the event that a large number of FSs are ready for the Education Licensing Committee (ELC) at the same time, the BRN will limit the number of FSs placed on the agenda to ensure that BRN staff is able to handle the additional workload.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Miyo Minato, SNEC, at 323-890-9950 or by email, miyo.minato@dca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Louise R. Bailey'.

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